

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 1000 haddock, 800 cod, 500 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2; large cod, \$4.50; markets, \$3.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Harvard arrived at Liverpool on Monday.

### Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Priscilla sold to Gardner & Parsons at 12 and 10 cents per pound for white and gray.

Feb. 5.  
**UNANIMOUSLY  
ENDORSED.**

## McIntire's Dogfish Resolution Upheld.

### HEARING WAS HELD TODAY.

### Several Cape Ann Skippers Are Heard in Its Behalf.

(Special to the TIMES)

Boston, Feb. 4, 1904.—The McIntire Resolution to Congress providing for the protection of food fish through a bounty on dogfish was the subject of discussion before the legislative committee on Federal Relations this morning. The fishing interests were represented by the following: Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, Capt. Peter Grant and Capt. George Peoples, representing the Gloucester Master Mariners' Association, Capt. M. T. Blanchard, president of the T wharf corporation, Boston, Capt. C. H. Durland, Capt. James C. Gannon, Capt. Charles B. Jones and Capt. Richard Horton of Swampscott, Capt. Edward W. Heath and Capt. B. C. Jones of Manchester, Representatives Fred. H. Tarr, Augustus Hubbard of Gloucester and Grosvenor of Swampscott, and Senator Moody Kimball of this district.

In opening, Representative McIntire said that Massachusetts carries on 75 per cent. of the fishing business conducted throughout the eastern states, and that the present scarcity of fish is indirectly attributed to the ravages of the dogfish during the fall and the present winter months. Gloucester sends 150 sail of boats to the south every spring mackerel fishing and these pests follow the schools up the coast to Massachusetts Bay.

During the last two years the dogfish destroyed thousands of dollars worth of nets of the Gloucester boats and have reduced the catches more than 75 per cent. The dogfish along shore have nearly killed the shore fishery. He cited incidents where dogfish had been found in lobster pots. Petitions, he said, had come from all over the New England states, and as far south as New Jersey, to be sent to Congress, as it was necessary to adopt some method for reducing to the minimum the killing of the industry upon which the port of Gloucester and other important fishing cities and towns looked to their existence. He believed a small bounty would make it an object to fishermen to kill dogfish and that this was the only way they could be exterminated.

Capt. James C. Gannon for 20 years engaged in the fishing industry, stated that dogfish eat the mackerel spawns as well as the spawn of lobsters and that within a few years, these two fish of the sea will be nearly exterminated. Last year during a fishing trip he was compelled by dogfish to lose what appeared to be a fine catch of mackerel, the dogfish having alone in one night destroyed 15 of his best nets. He also stated that dogfish were increasing by the thousands and becoming more of a menace each year. Furthermore each dog fish will eat from \$5 to \$100 worth of fish during the year while in the summer months over 100,000 pounds of cod and haddock are consumed each day by these fish.

Capt. D. C. Jones of Manchester stated that last year was the worst for fishing along the shore in all of his experiences on the water and that he had been compelled to give up his trap on account of the havoc wrought by these pests. He had also lost money in fishing parties as it was not worth while last summer to take out a party as the only fish caught were dogfish, which were of no use. He said that in his opinion a dogfish would eat a man if he were stunned and in the water.

Capt. Peter Grant of Gloucester believed that the fishermen should catch them and receive a bounty and that the government should turn them over to the farmers for fertilizing purposes. They were increasing each year and were causing the fishermen to look for other employment than that of following the sea.

Mr. Edward W. Heath of Manchester, a trap and weir fisherman, stated that last year the dogfish were a great handicap to the fishing business. On several occasions he had been obliged to haul his twine just to let the dogfish go. The cost entailed by these pests during the past two years had been more than he had earned from the trap during that period.

M. P. Blanchard, president of the T Wharf Association stated that protection was needed from these pests for the fishermen and also for the consumer as the result of the destruction of the dogfish would result in cheaper fish to the consumer and also that fish would be landed in better condition. All the Provincetown and Swampscott fishermen last year complained that fish were so scarce on account of dogfish ravages, that many fishermen were obliged to give up the business.

Representative Frederick H. Tarr said that every fisherman on Cape Ann, as well as along the coast, said that the establishment of a bounty on dogfish would be the salvation of the fisheries and that unless action was taken this year it would be too late in the opinion of many of the leading fishermen.

Senator Moody Kimball stated many reasons why the resolution should be passed also showing that it brought no expense upon the state. He reviewed the ravages of the dogfish upon the nets and trawls of the fishermen and strongly advocated the destruction of these scavengers of the seas.

Later—The committee on federal relations met in executive session at the close of the hearing on the dogfish resolution of Representative McIntire and without a dissenting voice voted to report in favor of it. Senator Bagley was given charge of the resolve in the senate.

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Monach via Boston.

#### Today's Market.

Board of trade prices: Large headline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. medium do., \$3.75; large trawl Georges, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.50; headline cod from deck, caught east of Cape Sable, \$4.25; medium do., \$3.50; large trawl bank cod, \$3.75; medium do., \$3.37 1-2; large dory headline cod, \$4; medium do., \$3.62 1-2.

Board of Trade splitting prices on fish—All cod caught on Le Have Bank and to the westward, large \$2.25; medium, \$1.70; all cod caught to the eastward of Le Have Bank large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.70; snapper cod fish, 40 cts.; cusk, \$1.60; snapper cusk, 40 cts haddock, \$1.00; hake, \$1.10; pollock, 60 cts

Outside sale of dory headline cod \$4.40 for large and \$3.90 for medium.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$4 per bbl.

Outside sales Georges cod, \$5 per cwt. for large, \$4 for medium.

Georges halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

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#### Boston.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 35,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 6000 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 4000 cod.

Sch. Charley Boy, 2000 cod.

Sch. Frank Munroe, 4000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$2.25; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market, \$2.50 to \$3.50; hake, \$3.

#### Portland.

Schs. Sylph and Mildred Numan were at Portland on Wednesday.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Maggie and May arrived at Vineyard Haven, yesterday.

### Big Lobster.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin from Georges yesterday brought in a big lobster alive, which was hauled upon her trawls.

The crustacean was one of the largest ever landed here, measuring almost two feet in length and weighing nearly 13 pounds.

### THOSE TROUBLESOME DOGFISH

which have made such havoc among the nets of the fishermen along the New England coast together with the fact

that they consume thousands of dollars worth of edible fish, mackerel and lobster spawn, etc., were handled without gloves before the legislative committee on federal relations yesterday morning. A full report of the discussion was given in the afternoon edition of the TIMES, the reading of which gave much satisfaction among our large army of readers.

Representative McIntire's resolution to Congress providing for protection of food fish, through a bounty on dogfish, was unanimously endorsed by the committee on federal relations, and Senator Bagley was given charge of the resolve in the Senate.

The facts which came to light through the evidence of the fishermen and those engaged in carrying on the fisheries were so convincing that the unanimous opinion of all interested was, that it was time to commence a war of extermination against these scavengers of the sea, by offering a small bounty which will repay the fishermen for their time and trouble. It is also proposed to sell the carcasses to the farmers for fertilizers, which would also yield a little income to help defray expenses of extermination.

It is hoped that the bill may become a law in time to commence the extermination war as early as possible the coming season. The dogfish must go, if we hope to preserve our New England fisheries. The destruction of the dogfish would result in cheaper fish to the consumer and the fish would be landed in better condition.

Feb. 6.

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#### Boston.

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#### Herring Notes

Sch. Arabia has gone to Boston to take out her cargo of frozen herring.